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H. R. 4211

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct studies on enrollment by racial and ethnic minorities and by low-income seniors in the Medicare Advantage program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Advantage of Medicare
5 Advantage for Minorities and Low-Income Seniors Act of
6 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDIES AND REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT BY**
2 **RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES AND BY**
3 **LOW-INCOME SENIORS IN MEDICARE ADVAN-**
4 **TAGE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) STUDIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
7 the United States shall conduct, with respect to each
8 Medicare Advantage population group (as defined in
9 paragraph (2)), a study on—

10 (A) the number of individuals in each
11 State who are members of such Medicare Ad-
12 vantage population group and who are enrolled
13 for plan year 2014, and the number of such in-
14 dividuals in each State who were enrolled for
15 prior plan years (as determined through a sur-
16 vey of historical data regarding such enroll-
17 ment), in Medicare Advantage plans under the
18 Medicare Advantage program under part C of
19 title XVIII of the Social Security Act; and

20 (B) the projected impact of payment re-
21 ductions to such Medicare Advantage program,
22 including such reductions resulting from the
23 provisions of and amendments made by the Pa-
24 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub-
25 lic Law 111–148) and from administrative ac-
26 tions, on the number of individuals who are

1 members of such Medicare Advantage popu-
2 lation group in each State who are projected to
3 be enrolled for each plan year beginning with
4 plan year 2015 in Medicare Advantage plans
5 under such Medicare Advantage program.

6 (2) DEFINITION OF MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
7 POPULATION GROUP.—In this section, the term
8 “Medicare Advantage population group” means each
9 of the following population groups:

10 (A) The group of individuals who are
11 members of one or more racial or ethnic minor-
12 ity populations.

13 (B) The group of individuals who are low-
14 income seniors.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
17 of the United States shall submit a report to Congress
18 on the results of the studies conducted under subsection
19 (a).

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